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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

Claims 1-9, 11, 16, 19, 20, 31-36, and 38 are pending in the application. The Applicants have amended claims 1, 8, 16, 31, and 35 to delete dashes at the beginning of each claim element. No substantive amendments have been made. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

On Page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 7, 11, 16, 31, 35, and 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Channegowda, et al. (US 20070140181). The Applicants respectfully submit that Channegowda is not prior art.

The instant application is the US national stage application of International Application No. PCT/SE2004/001735 filed November 24, 2004, which claims priority on U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/551,040 filed March 9, 2004. Channegowda was filed on December 21, 2005. Therefore, Channegowda is not prior art to the instant application.

Accordingly, the withdrawal of the § 102 rejection is respectfully requested.

3.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

On Page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 2 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Channegowda in view of Leung, et al. (US 7295551). The Examiner relies primarily on Channegowda for this rejection, but as noted, Channegowda is not prior art. Leung does not disclose or suggest the claimed invention.

Accordingly, the withdrawal of the § 103 rejection is respectfully requested.

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On Page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 4, 5, 19, 20, 32, and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Channegowda in view of Lee, et al. (US 20050058100). The Examiner relies primarily on Channegowda for this rejection, but as noted, Channegowda is not prior art. Lee does not disclose or suggest the claimed invention.

Accordingly, the withdrawal of the § 103 rejection is respectfully requested.

On Page 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 6 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Channegowda in view of O'Neill (US 20040100951). The Examiner relies primarily on Channegowda for this rejection, but as noted, Channegowda is not prior art. O'Neill '951 does not disclose or suggest the claimed invention.

Accordingly, the withdrawal of the § 103 rejection is respectfully requested.

On Page 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 8, 9, and 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Channegowda in view of O'Neill (US 20040023653). The Examiner relies primarily on Channegowda for this rejection, but as noted, Channegowda is not prior art. O'Neill '653 does not disclose or suggest the claimed invention.

Accordingly, the withdrawal of the § 103 rejection is respectfully requested.

4.) Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-9, 11, 16, 19, 20, 31-36, and 38.

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The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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